GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3965
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CONSTRUCTION OF RUNWAYS AT CALICUT AIRPORT
GULAM MEHMOOD BANATWALLA

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is considerable delay in completion of runway and other works at Calicut airport, Kerala;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the progresss made in the work; and

(d) the steps being contemplated to expedite the completion of the work?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHARAD YADAV)

(a), (b) & (c) :- There is some delay in the second phase of runway extension from 7500 ft to 9000 ft due to long rainy season in Kerala reducing the working period to practically six months, limitation in capacity of approach road reducing the output of earth work to mere 5000 cubic meter per day and resistance from local people against transportation of earth through their locality. 92% of the work has, however, been completed.

(d) :- Close monitoring of the work of the executing agency of the project is being ensured. The approach road has also been repaired, speed breakers constructed and action taken to ensure that earth does not fall off enroute causing dust problem.